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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB
SUBJECT: RICE AIRDROP

REF: (A) PHNOM PENH 3145
(B) USSAG 0 050437Z MAR 74

1. BACKHAUL OF PL 480 RICE BEGAN WITH MOVEMENT OF 3 C-130 LOADS TO UTAPAO MARCH 5. WE HAVE TODAY BEEN ADVISED BY TELCON FROM USSAG THAT BACKHAUL WAS AUTHORIZED FOR FIVE REPEAT FIVE DAY PERIOD ONLY, AND WILL CEASE AS OF MARCH 9. URGENT THAT THIS BE EXTENDED UNTIL RTG CLEARANCE OBTAINED FRO ALTERNATE SOLUTION.

2. WE DO NOT VIEW BACKHAUL AS A PRACTICAL LONG-RANGE SOLUTION TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF TAKEO AND PREY VENT. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY WE INTEND TO ESTABLISH AN IN-COUNTRY CAPABILITY TO
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SERVE THESE ENCLAVES. IN THE MEANWHILE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT

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THE BACKHAUL OF RICE CONTINUE UNTIL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

3. IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE C-130 BACKHAUL OF RICE, WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE UP TO 620 M/T OR 30 DAYS SUPPLY OF RICE TO UTAPAO BY LAND IF THE NECESSARY CLEARANCES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RTG. OUR CLEAR PREFERENCE IS TO TRUCK CAMBODIAN RICE FROM BATTAMBANG TO UTAPAO. SECOND CHOICE WOULD BE TO BARGE PL480 RICE FROM KOMPONG SOM OR SAIGON TO SATTAHIP.

4. REF (B) IMPLIES THAT RTG CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR PL 480 RICE TO ENTER THAILAND FOR AIRDROPS FROM UTAPAO. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION FROM EMBASSY BANGKOK THAT RTG CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND CANNOT MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL WE ARE CERTAIN RTG WILL CLEAR.

5. FOR EMBASSY BANGKOK: IN EVENT RTG APPROVAL NOT YET RECEIVED REQUEST YOU OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR 620 M/T RICE TO MOVE FROM BATTAMBANG TO UTAPAO OR, IF NOT POSSIBLE, FROM SAIGON OR KOMPONG SOM TO SATTAHIP.

6. FOR USSAG: ADVISE OF APPROVAL TO CONTINUE BACKHAUL UNITL ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPPLY RICE TO UTAPAO CAN BE MADE.

7. FOR WASHINGTON: ASSUME THAT WE CAN IF NECESSARY DIVERT 620 M/T POL 480 RICE DESTINED FOR CAMBODIA FROM KOMPONG SOM OR SAIGON TO UTAPAO FOR AIRDROPS.
ENDERS

NOTE BY OC/T: AGR, COME TAKE AS ORIGINAL MESSAGE.

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